

CENTRALIZED VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Michigan's Centralized Vaccine Distribution Plan to be implemented this spring

The timeline for the transition to the new vaccine distribution system has been delayed. The date Michigan will "go-live" with centralized distribution through McKesson Specialty, Inc is May 12, 2008. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is working with local health departments (LHDs), Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) staff, and MDCH immunization field staff to develop a jurisdictional plan to roll out both the Vaccine Inventory Module (VIM)* and a new E-ordering system.

The transition plan to the new system includes the following updated information:

- E-ordering will not be available until May 12, 2008.
- No E-ordering training will occur prior to May 12, 2008 when Michigan begins direct shipment of vaccine through McKesson.
- LHDs will be using a Tiered Ordering Frequency (TOF) schedule to prioritize and spread out provider start dates (schedule is pending).
- The MDCH state vaccine depot will be completely spent down by June 30, 2008. Vaccine inventory will be maintained at LHD depots until vaccine is well stocked and fully supplied at Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider offices. Until providers are appropriately trained, vaccine will continue to be supplied through LHDs.
- A spend down of LHD vaccine inventories (2-3 months of vaccine, depending on the TOF) will occur from May 12, 2008 through fall 2008.
- Monthly doses administered reports, temperature logs, ending inventory and monthly reconciliation will be required of all VFC providers.
- There are approximately 1,550 VFC practices in Michigan. Priority for training will be provider offices that are scheduled to order vaccine monthly per the TOF.
- VIM and E- ordering capabilities will both be activated via a "toggle" switch just prior to training.
- LHDs may continue to place bulk orders from MDCH, until the depot supply is depleted (by June 30, 2008). Regular communication on the MDCH depot supply will be provided to LHD IAP Coordinators by VFC staff.
- MDCH and immunization field staff will work with LHDs to carefully plan the spend down of LHD inventories by late fall 2008.
- Michigan will be completely transitioned to McKesson by late fall 2008.
- Routine open-line calls with MDCH staff will be available throughout the transition, and for several months following the "go-live" date to all local staff for communication and information sharing.
- Under the new system, all vaccine ordering and accountability will be done electronically through MCIR

* VIM: (Vaccine Inventory Module) A VIM user is defined as a provider that has active lots on their control inventory screen.

As additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the Michigan Department of Community Health's Vaccines for Children (VFC) program website at www.michigan.gov/vfc.

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Timeline

March-May 2008

- Beginning in March 2008, LHD staff will work with MCIR staff to schedule VIM trainings. MCIR staff will train on all VIM features and functionality which includes Ending Balance Inventory.
- Training opportunities on MCIR vaccine inventory and reconciling for current VIM users (which is approximately 185 provider practices in the state) will begin in winter 2008, prior to the "Go-live" date.
- MCIR training may be done in a variety of settings; including training labs and face-to-face meetings in provider offices. Assistance in populating the MCIR with current inventory will accompany training on functionality. The training is expected to take approximately 2 hours.

May 2008

- On May 12, 2008, the MCIR vaccine E-ordering system will be available;
- Following May 12, 2008, all providers using VIM will be trained on the E-ordering system for all vaccine orders;
- From May 12 - June 30, 2008 all physicians *not yet* trained on VIM **or** E-ordering will be trained simultaneously on inventory and ordering.

September 2008

- Spend down of LHD depots should be completed by late fall 2008. After that time, the vaccine supply at the LHD should be only for clients they serve.

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